

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 4**

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that every agency shall maintain a file of each rulemaking that shall be deemed to be the record for that rulemaking proceeding. The rulemaking file shall include a final statement of reasons. The Final Statement of Reasons shall be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following are the reasons for proposing this particular rulemaking action:

UPDATES TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) finds that no revisions have been made which would warrant a change to the initial statement of reasons for the proposal to:

- Adopt the 2006 Uniform Mechanical Code for incorporation, by reference, into the 2007 California Mechanical Code (CMC)
- Carry forward existing California amendments related to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, licensed clinics and correctional treatment centers
- Amend requirements to permit air from fire-resistive corridors to serve toilet rooms up to 50 square feet which will accommodate accessibility requirements
- Clarify the installation requirements for dry-steam type humidifiers
- Add additional ASHRAE standards for rating the efficiencies of air filters known as "Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value" (MERV)
- Clarify that requirements for skilled nursing facility construction also apply to "distinct part" units included on a hospital license and units within hospital buildings
- Make various minor technical modifications to pressure relationship and ventilation requirements for clarification and consistency within the code

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The OSHPD has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION(S)

The OSHPD did not receive any objections or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

DETERMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND EFFECT ON PRIVATE PERSONS

The OSHPD has determined that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation.

REJECTED PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD LESSEN THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

There were no proposed alternatives. The OSHPD has determined that the proposed regulations will not have an adverse impact on small businesses.

COMMENTS MADE BY THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE

The OSHPD did not receive comments from the Office of the Small Business Advocate.

COMMENTS MADE BY THE TRADE AND COMMERCE AGENCY

The OSHPD did not receive comments from the Trade and Commerce Agency.